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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT; PREVENTION AND TREATMENT  
OF WATER POLLUTION FROM MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL SOURCES

1. SUMMARY: AFTER TWO WEEKS IN U.S., DURING WHICH TIME  
HE SAW U.S. CHAIRMAN CAHILL ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS,  
YAKOVLEV HANDED CAHILL A CARBON OF THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE  
IN RUSSIAN NEAR THE END OF THEIR FINAL MEETING. LETTER IS  
UNDATED, BUT ORIGINAL WAS SUPPOSEDLY SENT TO CAHILL  
AROUND SEPTEMBER FIRST. LETTER HAS NOT BEEN TRANSLATED,  
AND EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT HYDROMET ON IMMEDIATE  
BASIS TO TRANSMIT RESPONSE INDICATED BELOW AND ELICIT  
SOVIET REACTION. END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT OF YAKOVLEV LETTER: "WE HAVE RECEIVED THE  
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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FOR THE RECEPTION OF OUR DELEGATION

AND AGREE TO VISIT THE INDICATED SITES. INASMUCH AS THE DELEGATION HAS AS ITS GOAL FAMILIARIZATION WITH EXPERIENCED WORK IN THE FIELD OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO EXPAND THE LIST OF SITES TO BE VISITED. THE DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ORGANIZATIONS CONNECTED WITH WASTE WATER TREATMENT OF PETROLEUM PROCESSING PLANTS AND TREATMENT FACILITIES IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, THE PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OF THE FIRM BELIOT-PASSAVANT IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND THE SEWAGE STATION IN NEWTON CREEK, NEW YORK WHICH USES

BIO-CHEMICAL TREATMENT METHODS USING INDUSTRIAL OXYGEN. ROALD FEDOROVICH SLAVOLYBOV, HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF GOSSTROI, USSR, WILL HEAD THE FULL DELEGATION; COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE PROVIDED LATER. I REQUEST THAT YOU CONFIRM YOUR AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE THE DELEGATION OF 6 SPECIALISTS FOR 16 DAYS ARRIVING IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 20, 1974."

3. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TO HYDROMET FOR SHTEPA AND YAKOVLEV (SHTEPA HAS NOW REPLACED YAKOVLEV AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SOVIET SIDE OF THIS WORKING GROUP) AND OBTAIN RESPONSE A.S.A.P.:

3A. ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOVIET VISIT TOO FAR ADVANCED TO CHANGE THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED ARRIVAL DATE. U.S. SIDE MUST INSIST THAT DELEGATION ARRIVE OCTOBER 16. SUBSTANTIVE REASON FOR THIS IS THE COMPLEX TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH INVOLVE SPECIALLY CHARTERED TRANSPORTATION AND AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL AT THE SITES.

3B. U.S. SIDE CAN RPT CAN AGREE TO EXTENSION OF LENGTH OF VISIT TO TOTAL OF 16 DAYS.

3C. THE MAJOR ACTIVATED SLUDGE PLANT OPERATED BY EXXON AT BATON ROUGE IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION. COULD VISIT BATON ROUGE TO INSPECT OTHER ACTIVITIES IF SOVDEL WISHES TO.

3D. NEWTON CREEK FACILITY SHUT DOWN FOR RENOVATION. A UNCLASSIFIED

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SIMILAR OXYGEN SYSTEM CAN BE OBSERVED AT AMERICAN CYANAMID PLANT IN PEARL RIVER, NEW YORK, IF SOVDEL INTERESTED.

3E. U.S. SIDE STILL AWAITING CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY OF BELOIT-PASSAVANT FACILITY. INGERSOLL

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